

William Edgar Pilborough

August 11, 1915 - June 8, 1942



Age: 30

Sex: Male

Rank: Royal Canadian Airforce, 35th

Squadron

Unit: Air Seargent

Circumstances of death: Died in action in Aircraft.

Burial Site: Heverlee War Cemetery

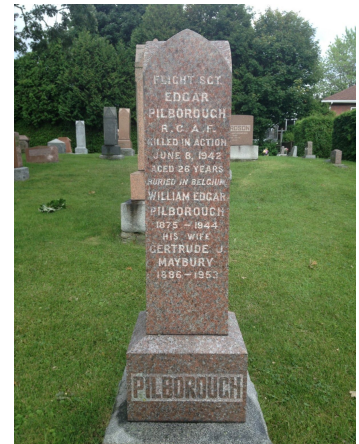
Belgium, commemorated in Chateauguay

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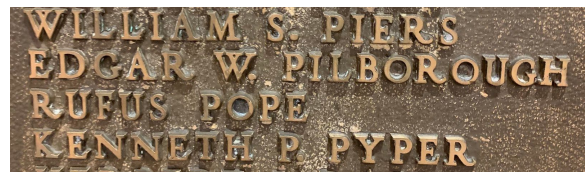
Squadron details

William was a flight sergeant air gunner. His service number is R/56441. Including William, 5 of his squad members passed away: Roy Blackwell Chadwick, John Mckinstry, William John Hopkins, and John Ralph Storey.



Family Members

He was an only child and had a wife named Gertrude J. Maybury Pilborough who was born in 1886 and died in 1953 at the age of 66. She was buried at the Chateauguay Protestant Cemetery. In Heverlee, Belgium they have a memorial for the Pilborough family.



Facts during the war

William was involved in the bombing of Essen in World War II. Unfortunately, that was the last mission he went on since his plane got shot down by a hunter. In Essen, 5 people were killed and 11 injured. 2 Essen houses were destroyed, 6 people were killed and 14 injured. 11 of the 115 RAF bombers were lost. The aircraft he and his squadron flew was called Hanley Page Halifax II.

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